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AMENDMENT A

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph at page 9, lines 1-5:

Clean Version of Amended Paragraph in Specification

Page 9, lines 1-5:

The array of Fig. 8 may be provided with a graded modal discriminating characteristic, as illustrated in Fig. 10, which may be either a gradation in index of refraction, gain, or core dimension. In such a case, substantially all of the power will be in a single, central beam.

Version Showing Changes Made to Specification

Page 9, lines 1-5:

The array of Fig. [42] 8 may be provided with a graded modal discriminating characteristic, as illustrated in Fig. 10, which may be either a gradation in index of refraction, gain, or core dimension. In such a case, substantially all of the power will be in a single, central beam.